

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312, Applicant submits amendments to the Abstract, which have been made to correct a typographical error. It is believed that this amendment does not affect the scope of the claims in any way, and accordingly, entry is believed proper, and is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

A supplement declaration is also submitted herewith which updates Applicant's address information.

Applicant further notes that the IDS acknowledgment papers provided by Examiner Fletcher along with the Office Action of August 8, 2007, does not include the Examiner's signature with regard to a number of reference cited by Applicant in the IDS. The Examiner indicated that such references were not acknowledged since they did not include a date of publication. In response, first notes that the identical or nearly identical IDS has been signed and acknowledged by the Examiner in approximately 6-10 related cases. Second, to Applicant's best recollection, most or all of the references at issue are non-patent literature, the publication dates of which Applicant could not readily discern. Thus, there are no publication dates for which Applicant could include in the IDS. It is therefore believed that the Examiner's failure to acknowledge the identified references is improper.

Lastly, Applicant requests any of the following figures to be used for the coversheet of the issued patent:

- Fig. 16

- Figs. 16 & 17

- Figs. 16, 17, & 19.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss alternative figures should it be necessary.

In addition, should there remain any outstanding issues, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (858) 552-1311 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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